

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: February 6, 2018

Chair Earl Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for employment as listed on the January 2018 Personnel Ratification Report (approved). Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of the Adult Education/Homeschool Report for February 2018 (approved).

Motion to approve the agenda as presented (approved).

Pledge of Allegiance, invocation.

Rabbi Brad Bloom of Congregation Beth Yam, standing with Okatie Elementary School Principal Jamie Pinckney, spoke about a productive meeting he had with Ms. Pinckney and Superintendent Jeff Moss concerning the controversy that accompanied the recent posting of photos to social media. Rabbi Bloom talked about the school district's plans to collaborate on Holocaust education projects. Principal Pinckney expressed her apologies for posting the photos that prompted the criticism and pledged her support to collaborating on the education project.

Points of Celebration (presented by Dr. Moss)

Character Education Students of the Month: Hilton Head Island High School junior Kevin Geist (November 2017); Hilton Head Island Middle School seventh-grader Ava Dolan (December 2017).

Our Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts to develop good character in their children. School counselors identified a list of character words and definitions that focus on attitudes and personal qualities that build a foundation for success in life and work. A student from each school is selected as that school's Character Education Student of the Month. Then that student goes on to compete for Character Education Student of the Month for the entire school district. Tonight we're celebrating the Character Ed Student of the Month exhibiting the Character Traits "Respect" and "Compassion."

"Respect" is defined as showing high regard for an authority, other people, self and country; treating others as you would want to be treated; understanding that all people have value as human beings.

We're happy to announce that our Character Education Student of the Month is a student from Hilton Head Island High School. Would Principal Amanda O'Nan please come forward and introduce our Character Education Student of the Month for November?

“Compassion” is defined as a feeling of wanting to help someone who is sick, hungry, in trouble, etc.; sympathetic pity and concern for the suffering or misfortune of others. We’re happy to announce that our Character Education Student of the Month is a student from Hilton Head Island Middle School. Would Principal Neodria Brown please come forward and introduce our Character Education Student of the Month for December?

WordMasters Challenge

Beaufort County schools were well represented during the WordMasters Challenge, a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 150,000 students. Tonight, we recognize 10 students from six schools who earned perfect scores in the fall WordMasters Challenge. Would Bluffton Elementary Principal Christine Brown please come forward and introduce her “perfect” WordMasters students? (James Anderson, Camden Kennedy and Jack Marshall)

Would Bluffton Middle Assistant Principal Beth Bournias please come forward and introduce her “perfect” WordMasters student? (Evelyn Roque)

Would M.C. Riley Principal Adrienne Sutton please come forward and introduce her “perfect” WordMasters student? (Ansley Perrenoud)

Would Red Cedar Elementary Principal Dr. Kathy Corley please come forward and introduce her “perfect” WordMasters students? (Coleman Jacobi)

Would River Ridge Academy Principal Gary McCulloch please come forward and introduce his “perfect” WordMasters students? (Bryna Haley, Connor McMorro and Jenna Schoenstra)

Not in attendance: Henry Platt of Hilton Head Island International Baccalaureate

Hilton Head Island HS Robotics Team

Four Hilton Head Island High School robotics students, allied with students from two Italian high schools, recently battled other teams from around the world and emerged as world champions. Here to tell us more about the 2018 Zero Robotics International Space Station competition is Hilton Head Island High School Principal Amanda O’Nan and Robotics Team Coach John Quindlen.

Milken National Educator Award – Erin Reichert, Bluffton High School

A few weeks ago, one of Bluffton High School’s teacher got a big surprise when she was announced as a Milken National Educator. Teachers don’t apply to the Milken Family Foundation. The Foundation seeks out possible winners and conducts confidential interviews, so the teachers don’t know they’re being considered. That’s why the surprise school-wide assembly at Bluffton High two weeks ago was such a surprise to Ms. Reichert. She wins a \$25,000 cash prize and joins a national support network of outstanding teachers and principals. A social studies teacher at Bluffton High for 11 years, and the key coordinator for Bluffton High’s AP Capstone program, Ms. Reichert was the only winner in South Carolina this year.

Board members know how successful her Youth in Government programs have been, and when this year's YIG conference gets under way in Columbia, three of the top five elected officials will be Bluffton High School students. Here to tell us more about Ms. Reichert is Youth in Government's incoming South Carolina Lt. Governor, John Acker.

State Middle School Counselor of the Year - Annette Ballard, H.E. McCracken Middle School
Veteran H.E. McCracken Middle School lead counselor Annette Ballard was recently honored as 2018 South Carolina Middle School Counselor of the Year by the Palmetto State School Counselors Association. Here to tell us more is H.E. McCracken Middle Principal Jerry Henderson.

"Lighthouse School" Designations - Joseph S. Shanklin and Michael C. Riley elementary schools

Two Beaufort County elementary schools have earned international recognition for the quality of their student leadership programs based on the best-selling book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People." Joseph S. Shanklin and Michael C. Riley elementary schools were granted "Lighthouse School" status. They join Coosa Elementary among only 355 schools in the world with that designation. Here to tell us more about their Leader in Me programs are Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary Principal Celestine LaVan and M.C. Riley Elementary Principal Adrienne Sutton.

Adult Education Reward

Adult Education Director Juanita Murrell recognized the four awards recently won by Adult Education staff and presented at the Celebration of Success Luncheon in Columbia.

1. Workkeys NCRC award-large program with highest number of CRCs awarded to fundable students.
2. High School Diploma Award-large program with the highest number of High School Diplomas.
3. Paraprofessional/Administrative Assistant of the Year for our region – Mrs. Gloria Harvin.
4. College and Career Navigator of the Year for our region – Mrs. Willie Mae Lewis

Public Comment

A community member spoke regarding the upcoming referendum. A community member spoke regarding the Board's hiring of an outside facilitator to assist with Board relations. A community member spoke regarding the future collaboration between the district and Rabbi Brad Bloom to teach students about the Holocaust. A community member recited the Board Member Code of Conduct. A community member spoke about working together and the upcoming School Improvement Council Advisory Board meeting on February 15.

Chair Report

Board Chair Earl Campbell said that he will be working with Dr. Moss and staff to share district-wide information concerning Holocaust education projects.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

Chief Instructional Officer Dr. Derek Rhoads provided a review of the district's State Report Card on the South Carolina Department of Education website and provided an overview of student academic data. Dr. Moss and Dr. Rhoads addressed the Board's questions.

Goal #2 Highly Qualified Teachers and Administrators

Human Resources Officer Alice Walton provided an update on the CERRA Grant Request made by the district and addressed the Board's questions.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

Chief Finance & Operations Officer Tonya Crosby provided an overview of the Budget Calendar and addressed the Board's questions.

Goal #4 Policy Development and Implementation – no report.

Goal #5 Supervision and Evaluation of the Superintendent

Dr. Moss provided the Board with feedback from his fall slate of Superintendent's Town Hall meetings. Board Member JoAnn Orischak said that she and three other Board members representing Hilton Head and Daufuskie islands will hold a joint town hall meeting with their constituents on February 22 at the Hilton Head Island Library. Board member Cynthia Gregory-Small shared her experience at a Superintendent's Town Hall meeting and stated that she found it informative.

Board Business

Motion to accept the donation of a 2000 Chevy Corvette valued at \$7,100 to May River High School for the Automotive Program from Terence Conway (approved).

Motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$6,000 to Hilton Head Middle School for the Volleyball and Basketball student programs from the Solon-Andreas Foundation (approved).

General Counsel Drew Davis answered the Board's questions regarding the Beaufort County Broadcast Services Department MOA. Motion to accept the Beaufort County Broadcast Services Department MOA. Board discussion. Motion approved.

The Board discussed options for a start time to record the Board meetings. Motion to begin recording the Board meeting at Executive Session when quorum is met. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion to waive Riverview Charter School's Inclement Weather Days (approved).

Dr. Moss provided information on Battery Creek High School's request to host its graduation ceremony prior to 7 p.m. Motion to provide administration with flexibility on Saturday graduation and for the Board to have a further discussion about graduation ceremonies. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda item of board minutes 11/28/2017;12/12/2017;01/02/2018;01/16/2018. Motion to amend to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes in order of voting records (approved).

Public Comments

A community member spoke regarding a Board member's actions. A community member spoke regarding a Board member's lack of transparency and about how the member's actions conflicted with the Board's Code of Conduct. A community member asked for clarity about the motion regarding the recording start times for the Board meetings.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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